





## MUSICAL TERMS

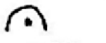




### LEVEL I

allegro	fast, quick (cheerful, merrily)
legato	smooth and connected
rit., ritard, ritardando	gradually slower
forte ( <i>f</i> )	loud
piano ( <i>p</i> )	soft
mezzo forte ( <i>mf</i> )	medium loud
mezzo piano ( <i>mp</i> )	medium soft
crescendo 	gradually louder
decrescendo 	gradually softer
accelerando, accel.	growing faster

### LEVEL II

dolce	sweetly
andante	walking tempo
allegretto	not quite so lively as allegro, a little allegro
fortissimo ( <i>ff</i> )	very loud
pianissimo ( <i>pp</i> )	very soft
fine	the end
da capo al fine (D.C. al fine)	return to the beginning and play to the fine
dal segno (D.S.)	return to the sign
staccato	not connected (shorten the note)
 	first and second endings
:        :	repeat signs play the music inside the signs again

### LEVEL III

tempo	rate of speed
a tempo	return to the original tempo
diminuendo	gradually softer
adagio	very slow
cantabile	in a singing style
 fermata	hold longer than the note value
 slur	a curved line that indicates legato
 tie	a curved line connecting notes of the same pitch- extends the duration of the note
 accent	louder, stressed
 staccato	not connected, shorten the note

## LEVEL IV

largo	stately, broadly, dignified
più mosso	with more motion, quicker
meno mosso	with less motion, slower
espressivo	expressively
sforzando ( <i>sf, sfz</i> )	a sudden sharp accent
con moto	with motion
scherzando	jokingly, lightly, playfully
arpeggio	singing the tones of a chord in succession
sempre	always
senza	without

## LEVEL V

vivace	quick, lively
tessitura	the average pitch level of a song or part of a song
poco a poco	little by little
diphthong	a vowel with two sounds
colla voce	with the voice, the accompaniment adjusts to the tempo of the voice
maestoso	majestic
bel canto	beautiful singing; a combination of power, beautiful tone, purity of intonation and flexibility
andantino	not quite as slow as andante
doloroso	sadly, sorrowfully

## LEVEL VI

libretto	the words of an opera or musical
cadenza	a brilliant passage, usually at the end of a piece
leggiero	lightly
recitativo	declamatory singing, quite free in tempo and rhythm
counter tenor	a male voice which sings in the treble range
rubato	performed so that note values have an elasticity of tempo
rallentando (rall.)	growing slower and slower
animato	animated, with spirit

grazioso

gracefully

**LEVEL VII**

mezza voce, a demi-voix

with half the power of the voice

ruhig

quiet, peaceful

fröhlich

gay, glad, joyous

geschwindt

swiftly, rapidly

langsam

slowly

Lied(er)

German song(s)

chanson

French song

art song

a relatively short song which uses serious poetry as the text

messa di voce

the singing of a single pitch begun pianissimo, swelling to fortissimo, and returning to pianissimo

syncopation

a momentary contradiction of the meter or pulse- often by changing strong and weak beats within a measure